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Introduction

Physicians, clergy and everyone ought to uphold basic principles to do good and avoid evil, not to harm and not to kill. A physician and a Catholic priest offer the following statement to medical personnel and clergy in an effort to inform others about the serious matters of sodomy and "homosexuality."

The Declaration of Independence states that people "assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and Nature's God entitles them." The truths declared in this Declaration does not provide a basis for sodomy and "homosexuality." There is no "innate instinct," rather there is a will that can be the cause of evil actions.

After Original Sin God gave man the gift of mastery of desires. The first effect of this mastery of desires is the right of liberty, which is the ability to do good and avoid evil. Liberty includes the right to safeguard life and forecast happiness. "That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men to guard Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. The Science of Medicine is to guard the life of persons. Civil Government is to guard liberty and justice so that every citizen can pursue happiness here and hereafter.

The Science of Medicine has goals to aid, to heal, not to harm and not to kill. This can be stated philosophically to protect, preserve, and prolong life and to postpone death. The province of medicine is not justice and rights, rather it is to treat and care for the life and health of persons. For

example, medicine will treat a kleptomaniac but medicine does not have a duty related to thievery. This is the province of Civil Government.

The doctor of medicine is not the neighbors' keeper. As a human person, the doctor is to aid one in need. To treat the effects of gluttony does not treat the patient for the vice, but the treatment is to counter the physical effects of the evil acts. There is constant danger for the Scientist of Medicine to cross over into other fields. The balance needed to be a medical scientist, a human person and the Helper of God in the practice of medicine is not easy. The balance is in a human person who, as the Helper of God in the practice of medicine, treats the patient who needs the doctor.

"Hold the physician in honor, for he is necessary to you, and God it was who created the profession. From God the doctor has wisdom. . . ." (Sirach 38:1-2). The wisdom is the manifestation of God's Providence and the Eternal Law. Eternal Law, Providence and Wisdom are the cause of the Natural Moral Law. The natural law is the participation of the human person in these three attributes of God (Eternal Law, Providence and Wisdom).

The nature of man manifests God's Nature and this is why the human person is made to Likeness of God. God by Nature is Life, Intelligence, Will, Truth and Good. The nature of man has the vital acts of living, intelligence, volition, and is related to the true and the good. This is why and how Boethius defined the human person as "*Naturae rationalis individua substantia*." This is translated as "individual substance of a nature [that is] rational." The four words of Boethius show that the human person manifests the attributes of God related to the human person. These four attributes of God (in the order of the definition of Boethius) are concurrence, governance, existence and conservance. (J.S. Hickey, Scholastic Philosophy, Vol. III, page 214). The vital acts of living, intelligence, volition and the relation to the true and the good manifest God's Nature. These vital acts indicate how the human person is made to the Likeness of God.

Normality of Marriage

God established true marriage in the Garden of Paradise at the beginning of the history of mankind. God had two reasons for creating Adam and Eve, the first was to manifest His Goodness and the second was to fill up the empty places in heaven. When God formed the body of Adam from earth and water and then formed the body of Eve from the rib of Adam, Adam said, "For this reason will man leave father and mother and adhere to his wife and they shall become two in one flesh" (Gn 2:24). The children from the union of Adam and Eve would fill heaven with saints. This was the first reason for the creation of Adam and Eve and all mankind.

When the angels rebelled and defected, God appointed man for the second reason, that is, to fill up the places made vacant by the evils of the fallen angels (St. Aug., City of God, Bk XXII:1).

Children are granted to parents (ideally husband and wife) as gifts of God, as it is portrayed in the Holy Bible. Parents are instructed to care for children, to prepare them to win the battle of life in this world with the promise of rewards in the future as designed by God for the eternal happiness of all. The work of married life is procreation and education of children, all the way to the future of eternal life. God accepts the offering of husband and wife in the marriage act and grants children to them. God designs Holy Matrimony for procreation of children and for their education. The whole purpose of true education is the pursuit of the last end, the happiness of Heaven (*Pius XI, Divini Illius Magistri*, 1929). Holy Mother, the Church is founded by Christ for the salvation of all. All men of whatever race, condition or age, in virtue of their dignity as human persons, have an inalienable right to education. "True education aims at the formation of the human person in view of his final end and the good of that society to which he belongs and in the duties of which he will, as an adult, have a share" (John XXIII, Christian Education, Preface and Ch. 1). To this day, there are couples in love who manifest the mystery of the Holy Sacrament of Matrimony, and offer themselves in the very act of marriage to become parents of children destined to fill up the empty places of heaven.

Truth and Goodness

Truth is the life of the intellect that gives value to the good. Truth is indivisible. When the angels "stood not in the truth," there was no possibility to recover. Human persons are created to manifest God's Goodness.

God's gift after Original Sin was "*liberum arbitrium*," which is "Mastery of Desires" and acts (CCC 1954). It is not correct to translate *liberum arbitrium* as "free will." This is false. Free or freedom is a concession from obligation that is granted from secular superiors. The Greek word "*Eleutheros*," "exempt" [from obligation or manumitted], also has a meaning of "unrestrained." The use of the words, free or freedom, deny the gift and right of liberty. God gave the gift and right of liberty to replace the lost ability to do good with no advertence to evil. Evil cannot exist if there is no good underlying it. Evil can diminish but not totally destroy goodness.

Liberty is the effect of *liberum arbitrium*, which enables the human person to do good and avoid evil. Justice comes from liberty, which is to render good to each as he deserves, and does no evil against thy neighbor.

Justice renders to each what is due. To avoid evil is also a good. Liberty is the basis for the Natural Moral Law, which can be stated as:

1. "Good ought to be done, evil must be avoided;"
2. "Good may not be withheld." For example, "Feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked and more" (Matt. 25:35);
3. "Evil may not be done;" and
4. "Evil may not be done that good may come of it."

Most often number one is quoted. The right of privacy, not understood by many philosophers and theologians, is the effect of liberty. The right of privacy may be better understood as the dictate of conscience. After Adam and Eve sinned and lost Original Justice, God gave them the gift of *liberum arbitrium* and the right of liberty, to do good and avoid evil. The right of privacy is the gift to do good almost like the gift of our first parents. They had the gift to do good with no advertence to evil.

The modern idea of privacy is, "The power to do as I choose" (John Locke). In modern society this power is denied to any evildoer, as a pickpocket or a predator, but the power is granted to an abortionist or one who assists in suicide, or one who does unnatural acts forbidden by God and abhorred universally by normal human persons. The right answer is the true dictate of conscience, to do the good that ought to be done.

Certainly God is not the cause of any evil or tendency to do any evil. All vices begin with pride and progress through the deliberated vices in evils that are forbidden by God. To counteract unnatural vices requires prayer, good works and the sacraments that will prevent both the tendencies and the evils that cry to heaven for vengeance. Instead of vengeance as retaliation, or to repay (as an injury) in kind, there is offered new grace to enable the person to improve in doing good deeds. God offers grace to restore lost grace. God's vengeance is to call for repentance. Even if a sinner arrives at death's door, God offers sufficient grace for repentance. The refusal of this grace is to refuse God's Mercy by the act of final impenitence.

Evil of Sodomy

Sodomy is an evil that prevents children to be raised up for the kingdom of heaven. Pride is the beginning of all evil (Eccli 10:15, Nova Vulgata, 1979). Pride denotes aversion from God simply through being unwilling to be subject to God. Pride is contempt of God. "God resists the proud . . ." (James 4:6).

Considerations of homosexuality are constant lies designed to deny that God created Adam and Eve and all their descendants to the Image and

Likeness of God. Atheists do not deny that God exists; rather they deny the existence of the One, True God who is the Creator of us all (Catholic Encyclopedia 1907; II:40). The purpose of creation of mankind is to manifest God's Goodness, and the attributes of Concurrence, Existence, Conservance and Governance. Another reason for creation of mankind is to fill up the empty places of heaven. The creation of angels, primary matter and man from the beginning manifested God's Truth, Omnipotence and Goodness (CCC 327).

The mystery of iniquity began when the Angels defected; They stood not in the truth and became liars from the beginning (Jn. 8:44). "*Et cognoscetis veritatem, et veritas liberatis vos*; and you will know the truth and the truth will liberate you" (Jn 8:32, Nova Vulgata, 1979). The truth is that when Satan and the followers defected, man was given another work to fill up the empty places of heaven (St. Aug., Bk. XXII, Ch. 1).

The history of the fall of man by Original Sin shows the enmity of the Evil Angel, Lucifer, in the seduction of our First Parents. The bad angels, to prevent conception of children and to prevent them from doing good and avoiding evil, tempted them to sin. Sin is a deliberated act prompted by desire to do evil. Manichaeism is an ancient evil related to good and evil. The promotion of the aberration of "homosexuality" seems akin to that old evil. This enmity continues to this day. The many evils against chastity in some way cause the prevention of children. Promiscuity causes sterility. All unnatural vices, pollution, bestiality and sodomy prevent conception. In the past century scientific practices to prevent conception have developed a threat to population. This is so bad that many nations, including the United States of America and European countries are not reproducing sufficient numbers of children to assure future existence. There are organizations working worldwide to reduce population in the world. The reason for this campaign must be the plan of the bad angels to prevent the birth of children who would fill up the empty places in heaven.

Saint Thomas in P II-II, Q 154, a 12, states, "The unnatural vice is the greatest evil among the species of lust." St. Augustine says that of all evils belonging to lust, that which is against nature is the worst. The term "unnatural" belongs to these evils because there is no basis in nature to engender these foul aberrations. Also, St. Augustine writes in *Confessions* III:8, "Those foul offenses that are against nature should be everywhere and at all times detested and punished, such as those of the people of Sodom, which should all nations commit, they should all stand guilty of the same crime, by the law of God which has not made men that they should so abuse one another." In evils against nature the very order of nature is violated and this is an injury done to God. The order of right reason is from man, and the gravity of evil depends more on the abuse of a thing than on the omission

of the right use. The unnatural vices are sodomy, pollution, bestiality and acting like a beast.

Sodomy begins with pride, continues in development through the seven deadly sins and terminates in acts under the vice of lust, or luxury. There are other unnatural vices with the thrust of anti-conception of children. These include bestiality, masturbation and acting like a beast. These related vices interfere with procreation, having the effect of contraception. There is a denial of the reason for marriage designed by God to fill heaven with saints. In ancient times there is the history of Sodom and Gomorrah. Pagan history shows the evils connected with the vice of lust. The denial of the dignity of the female created by God to be mothers of children, destined to fill heaven with saints, is part of pagan history. Marauding armies enslaved captured persons. The captured men were killed or made slaves forever. Females were captured and used for pleasure and made to bear children to be slaves. The history of paganism shows that the dignity of the female was denied. In retaliation women would offer their children to the gods to prevent them from becoming slaves. These mothers also committed infanticide for the same reason. To this day, many crimes of contraception, abortion and infanticide are committed in frustration because of the denial of their dignity. Old paganism caused this; Neo-paganism is more sophisticated in the commission of these crimes.

Basis of Sodomy

Neo-paganism, more evil than old paganism, is the work of the devil. The basis for paganism is Atheism under various titles. Atheism does not mean the denial of the existence of God. It means the denial of the One, True God, and the Creator of man. Deism admitted a useless God who did no good for mankind after man began to exist. Then the establishment of gods made to the image and likeness of man or some kind of acceptance of their own godhead to be worshipped according to pagan practices. Animism remains to this day in some parts of the world. Others were proclaimed as the source of food. There were some who portrayed the worship of the devil under some kind of grotesque forms. The cult of Phallicism, which is the worship of the generative principle as symbolized by the phallus (Webster Dict. 10th Ed.). The present concentration on "homosexuality" is Neo-paganism in the most recent type of Phallicism. Certain mutilations that have occurred in history are connected to this evil practice.

Violations of nature by the unnatural acts of sodomy are degrading and are proscribed. There is no vice that can be classified as a good deed. There is nothing in human nature that can be termed "homosexual" or "heterosexual." These words were first used in 1892 as an adjective. They were preceded in 1890 by the term "lesbian." It seems that such words are

used to avoid the word, "sodomy." The act of sodomy is an unnatural act that is an evil that cries to heaven for vengeance. The word, "homosexuality" began to be used as a noun in 1902. These new words have been deployed to violate chastity by unnatural disordered activity in search of illicit pleasure.

Kleptomania, (1830) is another word that came into use in the 19th century. It refers to a persistent neurotic impulse to steal, especially without economic motive. It is an act of injustice, but it has never been acclaimed as a "legitimate alternate lifestyle." Every time the kleptomaniac acts unjustly, responsibility is ascribed and restitution must be made. The good is desired due to a basic natural relation to the true and the good. Man's nature is related to the true and the good. "Homosexuality" is unnatural. It is a relation to an evil. It is an aberration due to bad will.

Human persons were created and there was place for them. Then, the angels defected and God appointed persons to fill up the empty places of heaven. Now the devil goes about like a roaring lion seeking someone to devour, resist him strong in faith. (1 Pt. 5-8). The unnatural vices are devised to prevent the begetting of children. The liar from the beginning tempts sinners to be like the devil to live and act out the lie. The unnatural vices among pagans over the many centuries are part of secular history. The strange mystery of iniquity has sneaked into the Christian community. Some States of the United States of America and some sovereign nations around the world have tried to establish a counter-culture called "same sex marriage" and a companion issue called "domestic partnership." These two fake imitations are designed to be a part of a "counter-culture" to prevent birth of children.

In Conclusion

The Culture of Death is around us from many perspectives. It is sometimes difficult to stay away from and out of the evils rampant in the Culture of death. Evil is a thought, word, deed or desire contrary to the Eternal Law of God. Human reason is the proximate and homogeneous rule against evil; the Eternal Law is God's rule against evil. There is no such thing as a good evil. Evil cannot ever be a "legitimate alternate life style." The final effect of evil is despair, that is, no "*spes*" (from de(*spe*)ration). This becomes the hatred of God's Mercy, the final effect of the Culture of Death. The ultimate end of the Culture of Death is the act of final impenitence.

To be clearly separated from this, some claim a promotion of a Culture (Vision) of Life. The right call is the acts of Faith, Hope and Charity, or "Grace." There is the need to listen to our Holy Father to counteract the Culture of Death by the conversion of sinners, who sin

against themselves. There is no "legitimate alternate life-style" of "homosexuality." There is a life-style that is evil caused by vicious acts that are unnatural. The attempt to change evil to appear like a good deed is a prompting of the Evil One who "Stood not in the truth." Prayer, good works and the sacraments will reject this tendency.

There is a statement in the 1998 Pastoral Message, "Always Our Children," "Homosexuals who are definitely such because of some kind of innate instinct." Another reference is to call the orientation to "homosexuality," "as a given," not as "something chosen." Both statements can have no basis in reality. There is no "innate instinct", or foundation in human nature tending towards unnatural acts; most certainly there is no tendency to the unnatural act of sodomy. In the past one hundred years there has been a concerted effort to blame such orientation on nature. Sodomy is an evil that cries to heaven for vengeance because it is voluntary evil deeds done on purpose by deliberation against nature.

Temptation can sneak up on a person. Evil is a thought, word, deed or desire contrary to the Eternal Law of God. Human reason is the proximate and homogeneous rule against evil; the Eternal Law is God's rule against evil. The Natural Moral Law is the human person's participation in the Eternal Law of God. The fundamental reason for the Natural Moral law is that the rational creature will do good and avoid evil. The Natural Moral Law is "Good ought to be done, evil must be avoided." Evil may not be done that good might come of it. Evil may not be done. Good ought not to be withheld; feed the hungry, clothe the naked and many more good deeds need to be done. Our Lord told us about this. (Matthew 25:35ff). The dignity of the human person is value with purpose.

The human person by nature manifests God's Nature. From this nature there are four vital acts, namely, living, understanding, volition and (audiendi), which is the relation to the true and the good. There is no vital act related to any evil; certainly there is no native tendency to do unnatural acts. The unnatural act of sodomy violates the virtue of chastity by unnatural disordered activity in search of illicit pleasure. The help that is offered to all is grace. The call to all evildoers is to stop doing evil, repent, do good and avoid evil.

Doctors of medicine are appointed by God to be His Helper for life. "Hold the physician in honor for he is necessary to you, and God has established his profession" for life (Sirach 38:1). Civil government is God's helper for justice, to guard and guarantee liberty, which is the right to do good and avoid evil and safeguard the right of the pursuit of happiness (Romans 13:1-7). To be "For Life" includes upholding the method of procreation designed by God.